

Britain's 'Killer Smog' Claims 66 Victims

Pearl Harbor Attack Could Have Been Much Worse, Nimitz Asserts

By PETER J. HAYES

Berkeley, Calif. —(UPI)—Fleet Adm. Chester W. Nimitz said today the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor 21 years ago Friday was a terrible blow to this country, "but it could have been devastatingly worse."

The war in the Pacific would have lasted much longer, Nimitz said, if the fleet had been at sea instead of tied up at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The Japanese had destroyed our huge, above-ground fuel tanks in Hawaii.

The Japanese had followed up their initial successes with raids during the next several days.

Nimitz, erect and snow-thatched at 77, discussed in an interview with United Press International the workings of fate that began at 7:55 that Sunday morning when carrier-based Japanese bombers roared over Pearl Harbor.

Rebuilt U. S. Fleet

In the next two hours, 18 warships were sunk and 2,403 men were killed. Eighteen days later, on Christmas Day, Nimitz arrived to take command of the shattered fleet and rebuild it into the mightiest naval force ever assembled by one nation.

"The good Lord was in some way looking out for us," Nimitz said as he sat in the memento-filled study of his home high in the Berkeley Hills overlooking San Francisco Bay.

If Adm. Husband E. Kimmel had had ample warning of the approach of the Japanese task force he surely would have sent his fleet to intercept it, Nimitz said.

"Japan had six carriers, while Kimmel had only one that had gone to Lake Island. Our ships would have been picked off one by one, sunk in deep water rather than the shoals at Pearl Harbor."

"We would have lost practically all the personnel of the Pacific Fleet. We would have had to start from scratch."

The Navy's fuel storage tanks contained 4.5 million barrels of oil, the fighter pilots, firing 50 caliber incendiary bullets, might have wiped out this supply.

"It would have been very difficult to replenish our fuel because in 1942 most of our oil was earmarked for the Atlantic and Europe. Tankers were scarce."

Planes Destroyed

Of 384 American warplanes on Oahu Dec. 7, 1941, only 38 got into the air against 11 Japanese raiders. The rest were destroyed on the ground.

"The Japanese could have come back a second, third or fourth day and leisurely destroyed everything of value," the five-star admiral said.

"But they apparently had a rigid plan to advance into Southeast Asia seeking fuel and food."

Nimitz said the Japanese navy was "a most potent enemy" containing highly skilled fighting men on the surface and in the air, if less skilled in submarine warfare.

"If for one moment the Japanese and Americans are on friendly terms now, we assisted them to get back on their feet with a modest naval defense force and we have a mutuality of interest vis a vis Red China and Russia that is such that if we have trouble in the Western Pacific we can expect Japan to be a powerful ally."



ADM. CHESTER W. NIMITZ
Reminisces on Pearl Harbor

'Fullest Confidence' In Stevenson Told In Kennedy Letter

Washington —(UPI)—President Kennedy has the "fullest confidence" in Ambassador Adlai Stevenson and feels he will continue to be of "inestimable value" at the United Nations.

Kennedy's remarks were contained in a letter to Stevenson made public by the White House Wednesday.

The latest administration effort to quell reports that

Stevenson was in hot water over a magazine story, saying he preferred negotiation to a blockade in the Cuban crisis.

To Appear Together

Kennedy and Stevenson will appear together tonight for the first time since the article appeared. Stevenson is to preside over the awards dinner of the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, which combats mental retardation. The President will present the awards.

Kennedy, in the letter delivered to Stevenson at the United Nations yesterday, said "This is just a note to tell you again how deeply I regret the unfortunate stir which has arisen over the statements contained in the Saturday Evening Post article."

Kennedy assured Stevenson he valued his advice "very highly" and "admired your performance" during the Cuban crisis.

The article in question, written by Stewart Alsop and Charles Bartlett, both close friends of the President, led to speculation that Stevenson might be on the way out. But White House spokesmen and Stevenson have repeatedly called the story inaccurate.

Article Not Denied

The letter Kennedy wrote Stevenson Wednesday did not deny the article, and mentioned it only in connection with the "unfortunate stir" it caused.

In Moscow, the Soviet news agency Tass said today attempts were being made to intimidate Stevenson.

Tass said the attempt at intimidation was aimed at those "who dare come out for a peaceful settlement of disputed international questions."

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They found several items which formed a liquor still such as a cook pot, copper tubing, a barrel and mash. The parts of the still were concealed in the house and the premises, deputies said. They found a barrel of mash in a closet next to an electric heater.

The still apparently was set up in a small cabin behind the house when the liquor was being manufactured, deputies said. The still was set up this morning in the criminal division of the sheriff's office plus a number of full and empty bottles and some jugs.

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Acheson Stirs Europeans' Wrath With Statement

West Point Speech Said 'Kick in Teeth'

Washington —(UPI)—Dean Acheson was speaking only as a private citizen when he said Britain has "about played out" its special relationship with the United States, the State Department said today.

Acheson, former secretary of state who still advises the State Department "on an item by item basis," stirred the wrath of Europeans with a speech delivered at West Point Wednesday.

In the speech, he criticized the Western policy toward Berlin and made the remark about British-U.S. relations which one London newspaper described as a "verbal kick in the teeth" of the British.

May Question Rusk

British Ambassador Sir David Ormsby-Gore was expected to ask Secretary of State Dean Rusk whether the administration shares Acheson's view, Ormsby-Gore had arranged a meeting with Rusk several days ago, before Acheson's speech was featured in newspapers in London and elsewhere in Europe.

But even before the meeting, State Department spokesman Lincoln White made it clear Acheson was not speaking as a representative of the government when he made remarks.

"Mr. Acheson," White said, "of course has been called on to contribute what he could in a variety of subjects and I would hope we will continue to call on him."

Free To Comment

But he noted that Acheson is not employed by the State Department on a full-time basis and is free to comment as a private citizen on any subject he chooses.

In his speech, Acheson reviewed the condition of NATO, saying the political situation in Europe gives plenty of cause for concern.

"Great Britain," he said, "has lost an empire and has not yet found a role. The attempt to play a separate power role — that is, a role apart from Europe, a role based on a 'special relationship' with the United States, a role based on being the head of a commonwealth which has no political structure, or unity, or strength and enjoys a fragile and precarious economic relationship by means of the sterling area and preferences in the British Market — this role is about played out."

"Great Britain, attempting to work alone and to be a broker between the United States and Russia, has seemed to conduct policy as weak as its military power."

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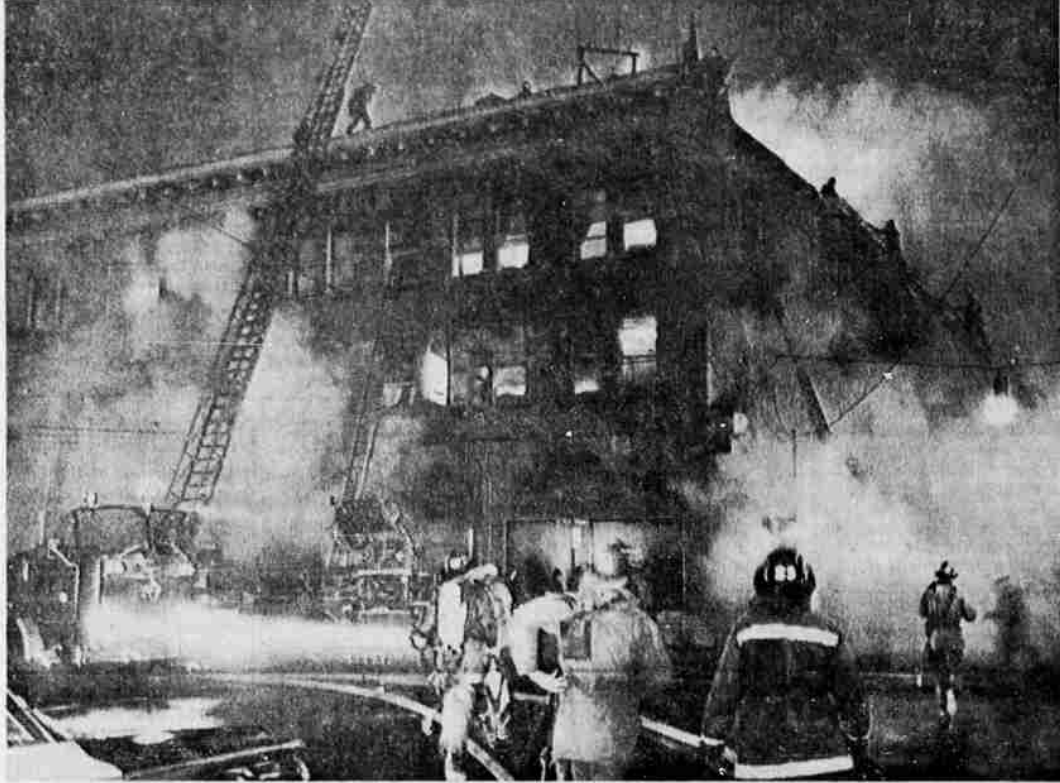
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Federal financial help can be used for clearing timber and debris from the outside slope line, to insure operation of culverts and drains, from access roads and parking facilities only at weigh stations or roadside access areas.

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APARTMENT GUTTED — Firemen are shown manning hoses at the height of a fire which destroyed the New York

Apartments in Portland Wednesday night. Destruction of the three-story structure left some 30 persons homeless. (UPI)

Police Report Rumors of Gang Are Exaggerated

A girl gang at Medford High school, called the "Saints and Slaves' Escorts" by its seven teenage members, has been broken up, according to Detective Lieutenant Lyle C. Perkins of the Medford police department.

While aspects of the case are still under investigation, Perkins said he feels the activities of the group have been exaggerated by rumors and ill-founded talk.

To this point, Perkins said, the girls have admitted shoplifting seven necklaces from a downtown store. They also confessed to making threats of bodily injury to several of their high school classmates.

"But their threats never went beyond the talking stage," Perkins said. One incident which is still being checked concerns an apparent half-hearted attempt to "kidnap" a high school girl last Friday night as she walked down a street on the west side of Medford. The girl, according to reports, successfully resisted being pulled into the car. She was not injured, officers said.

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County Needs 839 Pints of Blood to Cover Amount Used

Some 839 pints of blood must be donated by Jackson county residents yet this year to cover the amount used by the area, according to Mrs. J. W. Burba, Red Cross blood program chairman.

Donations during the October visit of the Bloodmobile fell far below normal. This was attributed to the fact that a number of persons were still picking pears, colds were prevalent, and many of the employees of the telephone and power companies were out of town repairing damage left in the wake of the Columbus day storm.

Mrs. Burba stressed that more blood is needed during the winter months, particularly this year, since the state has experienced a number of disaster situations that have

caused the supply to drop alarmingly.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Red Cross building, 60 Hawthorne st., on Monday, Dec. 10, from 2 to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will visit the Elks club in Ashland on Wednesday, Dec. 12, from 1 to 6 p.m.

This will be the last visit of the Bloodmobile to Jackson county this year.

Appointments may be made for the drawing next week by telephoning 774-3813. Persons between the ages of 18 and 59 are eligible to donate, but those between the ages of 18 and 21 must have a written consent from their parents or guardian.

Transportation and baby sitters will be available for those who need them.

The sharp rise in unemployment, usually experienced in Jackson county during November, did not occur this year, according to John J. Patton, manager of the Medford office of the state employment office.

New hirings slowed down, dropping to about one-half of the October level, he noted, but there was little decrease in overall employment. The ratio of insured unemployment as of Nov. 22 stood at 4.5 per cent.

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Christmas Parade Route in Medford To Cover 2¼ Miles

The parade route for the Christmas opening event Friday, Dec. 7, has been announced. Featured will be Santa Claus, his sled and five live reindeer.

The parade will start at 1 p.m. from the Hawthorne ave. side of Hawthorne park and proceed to the Medford Shopping center. From there it will return south on Hawthorne ave. to East Main st., west on East Main to Holly st., south on Holly to Eighth st., east on Eighth st. to Riverside ave., north on Riverside to Fourth st., west on Fourth st. to Central ave. and south on Central ave. to Tenth st.

In case of heavy rain the parade will end there, with Santa Claus and his reindeer being taken to the Medford Armory.

Otherwise the parade will continue east on Tenth st. to Riverside ave., north on Riverside to Eighth st., and east on Eighth st. and Main to Hawthorne park.

Santa Claus and his reindeer will be at the park from 2 to 5 p.m. when children will have an opportunity to talk with Santa Claus and pet the reindeer.

The parade route will be approximately 2¼ miles in length. Christmas carols will be played along the parade route and Santa Claus will have favors for the children.

Committee members in charge of arrangements are John Moffat, Ralph Jacobson, Don Groesch, Mrs. P. F. Brainerd, Willard Shinn and Don McNeil.

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Traffic Piles Up; Heavier Cover Expected Tonight

London Hospitals Report Crowding

London —(UPI)—More victims of Britain's "killer smog" crowded London hospitals today.

Mists lifted this morning throughout most of the country, but still lay thick over the Thames Estuary, grounding all airplanes at London Airport and halting sailings from the Port of London.

Authorities warned that the worst fog since 4,000 persons died in 1952's epic killer may come down more heavily again tonight.

Police said 66 persons had collapsed and died in the London area since the black mixture of smoke and sulphur dioxide first blanketed the city Monday night. Normally six to eight persons die here in such fashion each day.

London Hospitals' Emergency Bed Service said that in the 24 hours up to midnight Wednesday, 394 applications for beds have been received.

Traffic Has Troubles

Traffic continued to pile up. An automobile association spokesman described one stretch of the A12 Highway as "like a battlefield."

A big electricity breakdown affecting much of London and nearby districts meant thousands had to get up in the dark and to go to work without hot breakfasts this morning. An Electricity Board spokesman said it was due to an overload, caused by the heavy use of electric heaters.

Duncan Comments On Post Choice

Congressman-Elect Robert Duncan (D-Ore.) commented this morning on the Democratic Central committee's recommendation of County Clerk Marvin Madden for appointment as temporary Medford postmaster.

When asked he said, "With the endorsement of Mr. Madden's personal qualifications, I agree. He is personable, able and a loyal member of the Democratic party. I have serious doubts that he should have permitted his name to be considered in view of his recent reelection as county clerk. To the extent that I am consulted, I shall certainly consider the central committee's recommendation, but in this instance must reserve the right to make my own decision," Duncan said.

Some prominent local Democrats have sharply criticized the recommendation of Madden Tuesday night since he did not make formal application for the postmaster job, was not among the final five candidates presented by the screening committee and was recently reelected county clerk.

Council To Consider Cancelling Lease

The Medford city council tonight will consider an ordinance providing for the cancellation of a lease held by the Rogue Valley Flying Service at the Medford Municipal Airport.

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NEWS BRIEFS

ITEMS FROM AROUND THE GLOBE

GERMAN IMMIGRANT HELD IN CHILE

Santiago, Chile —(UPI)—Walter H. J. Rauff, 56, a German immigrant accused of complicity in the wartime killing of 90,000 Jews was being held here today pending a decision on a West German request for extradition.

TITO, KHRUSHCHEV EXCHANGE OPINIONS

Moscow —(UPI)—Yugoslav President Tito and Premier Nikita Khrushchev today had a "frank and friendly exchange of opinion" in their second day of talks, the Tass news agency reported.

NEHRU PREDICTS ULTIMATE VICTORY

Tezpur, India —(UPI)—Prime Minister